

# **CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS INVITES YOU TO GET ON BOARD! STAGECOACH DAYS.**

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**AUGUST – SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2008 .**

Celebrate the amazing feat of the Butterfield Overland Mail Stage on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Operations began between St. Louis and San Francisco in 1858, revolutionizing mail and passenger service. Traveling 24

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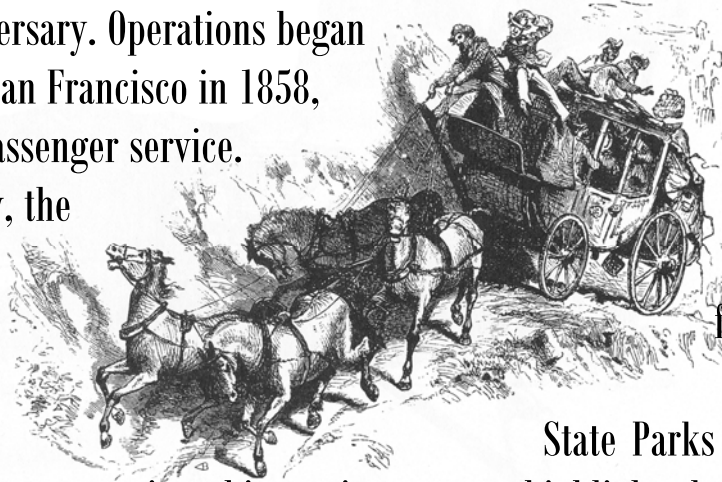
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State Parks and its partner

Through special events and programs, many of which will feature living history, stories, songs, stage equipment, and actual historic stage roads, visitors will gain an appreciation for travel and communication in the era before the automobile.

## **EXPERIENCE THE PAST AT THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:**

### **JULY 1 TO NOVEMBER 1 – “ROLLING THROUGH THE WEST”**

a special exhibit presented by the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum, 3596 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, Calif. Noon to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays. The museum’s newest exhibit offers a photographic look

back at the stagecoaches in the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Barbara areas, with a perspective on the history of stagecoaches, their construction and influence on the American West and California. The museum is home to the renowned Parks-Janeway Carriage House and its extensive collection of outstanding carriages, saddles and horse-related gear.

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**AUGUST 9 & 10 – THE HERITAGE TRAIL** presented by Placer County museums. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trek back in time along Placer County's museum trail. For this special occasion, admissions will be free to travelers visiting all 18 participating museums, from Roseville to Tahoe. Join the fun! Learn about events that made Placer County's past so colorful. They included the Gold Rush, construction of the First Transcontinental Railroad and developing winter sports, like skiing. A Trail Guide will be available at every museum, listing the attractions, activities, and driving directions.

Mud wagon stages that once served the Placer County gold mining communities in the late 1800s can be seen in Auburn. The No. 1 Colfax, Yankee Jim & Forest Hill Stage is on view at the Placer County Museum in the Historic Courthouse and the Colfax & Iowa Hill Stage No. 2 is in the carriage barn at the Bernhard Museum Complex.

Participating Museums include:

**Valley Museums:** Roseville Historical Society Carnegie Museum; Maidu Interpretive Center; Rocklin History Museum; and Griffith Quarry Museum

**Auburn Museums:** Placer County Museum; Gold Country Medical History Museum; Joss House Museum; Bernhard Museum Complex; and The Benton Welty School Room

**Foothill Museums:** Forest Hill Divide Museum; Colfax Area Heritage Museum; Golden Drift Museum; Big Bend Visitor Center; and Western SkiSport Museum

For more information call (530)889-6500, or visit our website [www.placer.ca.gov/museums](http://www.placer.ca.gov/museums)

**AUGUST 10 – FRIENDS OF BODIE DAY** at Bodie State Historic Park. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit the historic mining ghost town of Bodie and see an important destination for stages. Enjoy a special BBQ, tours and talks with the Friends of Bodie. From U.S. 395 seven miles south of Bridgeport, take State Route 270. Go east 10 miles to the end of the pavement and continue 3 miles more on an unsurfaced road to the ghost town. Sponsored by Bodie State Historic Park, the Friends of Bodie and Sierra State Parks Foundation.

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**AUGUST 16 – ADOBE DAY: STAGELINE COMPETITION** at William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park. Noon to 4 p.m. Learn more about stage travel. Witness a tug of war between the competing stage companies, Baxter & Co. and Hall & Crandall Stage Line. Enjoy the Ide Adobe Players' music and experience "hands-on" pioneer crafts at this historic ranch and ferry crossing. The park is two miles northeast of Red Bluff off I-5 on Adobe Road. Sponsored by the William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park and the Ide Adobe Interpretive Association.

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**AUGUST 23 & 24 – STAGECOACH DAYS: CELEBRATING THE WEST ON THE MOVE** at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Be part of the frontier experience of historic Old Town. Take a wagon ride. Enjoy period activities, games and music. See an authentic Concord stagecoach at the Wells Fargo Bank's museum in the Colorado House and a historic mud wagon and celerity coach used on California's stage roads exhibited at Seeley Stable. A special Stagecoach Days Dinner under the stars will be held on the Plaza, Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m., for reservations: <http://brownpapertickets.com/event/35925>. The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street in San Diego, and is convenient to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, Trolley, and MTS Bus service. Sponsored by Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, Slow Food San Diego and the Boosters of Old Town San Diego.

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**AUGUST 29, 30, 31 & SEPTEMBER 1 – GOLD RUSH DAYS** in Old Sacramento Historic District and Old Sacramento State Historic Park. Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Monday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. See history come alive on the dirt streets of Old Sacramento—only horse-drawn vehicles allowed! Have your picture taken on board a Wells Fargo stagecoach. Experience the past through parades, music, living history, demonstrations, entertainment, and other offerings representing Sacramento's early years. The historic district is adjacent to downtown Sacramento next to Interstate 5. Follow the signs.

Covered parking may be found nearby in several multi-story parking structures.

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**SEPTEMBER 6 – SAN JUAN BAUTISTA LIVING HISTORY DAY** at San Juan Bautista State Historic Park. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Step back to the early days of San Juan. Meet mountain men, Civil War soldiers, Victorian ladies, and stage driver “Charlie” Parkhurst, who has a secret. Enjoy craft and cooking demonstrations. Hoist an old-fashioned soda in the historic Plaza Hotel Saloon. See historic horse-drawn vehicles inside the Plaza Stables. The Park is located on Second Street, between Washington and Mariposa Streets, in the city of San Juan Bautista, 3 miles east of Highway 101; 7 miles west of Hollister. Sponsored by San Juan Bautista State Historic Park and the Plaza History Association.

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**SEPTEMBER 13 – COLUMBIA GOLD RUSH DAY** at Columbia State Historic Park. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The "Gem of the Southern Mines" comes to life with volunteers in period attire, special tours, and historic activities, including stagecoach rides, period bowling (yes!), a fire bucket brigade, concert by the Great Motherlode Brass and Reed Band and special children's activities. Columbia State Historic Park is three miles north of Sonora, off Highway 49.

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**SEPTEMBER 13 – STAGECOACH DAY** at Chino Hills State Park. All day events. On the original route of the Butterfield Overland Mail Stage, visitors can envision the joys and miseries of stage travel. The park is located 10 miles northwest of Corona. Take the 91-Freeway to Highway 71-North, turn left at Soquel Canyon. Proceed to Elinvar and turn left. Elinvar merges into Sapphire on the left. The park entrance is on the right. Sponsored by Chino Hills State Park.

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**SEPTEMBER 20 - STAGECOACH DAYS AT LAS FLORES ADOBE -**

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the historic circa 1860s two-story Las Flores Adobe National Historic Landmark on Seeley Stage line's San Diego to Los Angeles route. Enjoy guided tours, horse rides, demonstrations, music, and visit period encampments. Period attire encouraged. For free access tickets to get onto Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, please send an email to [erik.limbal@usmc.mil](mailto:erik.limbal@usmc.mil) no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores Docents.

Visit our website <http://www.camppendletonhistoricalsociety.org/index.htm>

**OCTOBER 4 – SAN JUAN BAUTISTA LIVING HISTORY DAY** at San Juan Bautista State Historic Park. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Step back to the early days of San Juan. Meet mountain men, Civil War soldiers, Victorian ladies, and stage driver “Charlie” Parkhurst, who has a secret. Enjoy craft and cooking demonstrations. Hoist an old-fashioned soda in the historic Plaza Hotel Saloon. See historic horse-drawn vehicles inside the Plaza Stables. The Park is located on Second Street, between Washington and Mariposa Streets In the city of San Juan Bautista, 3 miles east of Highway 101; 7 miles west of Hollister. Sponsored by San Juan Bautista State Historic Park and the Plaza History Association.

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**OCTOBER 11 – ON THE BUTTERFIELD STAGE ROUTE THROUGH TULARE COUNTY.** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take a road trip from the foothills to the tules, Revisit the original route of the Butterfield Overland Stage on an escorted car caravan. Local historians will offer talks at the different stops. Refreshments will be offered, but participants are advised to bring lunches and water. Free! Sponsored by the Tulare County Historical Society.

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**OCTOBER 11 - STAGECOACH DAY** at Shasta State Historic Park. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The “Queen City of the Northern Mines” comes to life through special guided tours and exhibits. As the head of “Whoa! Navigation,” the town’s colorful history embraces the stories of many stage lines. The Pioneer Barn houses a restored stagecoach and a stone

monument celebrates many stage drivers. The park is six miles west of downtown Redding. Highway 299 passes through the town's main street. Sponsored by Shasta State Historic Park.

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**OCTOBER 11 - WESTERN HOEDOWN AT LAS FLORES ADOBE -**

4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Join us for a real Western Bar-B-Que, Western music, Barn Dance, and Silent Auction. Enjoy guided tours of the 1860s Las Flores Adobe National Historic Landmark, demonstrations by the Code of the West, and tall tales from the Seeley stage run between San Diego and Los Angeles.

For access tickets to get onto Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and join our hoedown, please email Howard Blair at [hgblair@cox.net](mailto:hgblair@cox.net) (858-583-0067), Steve Fisher at [fisherics@aol.com](mailto:fisherics@aol.com) (760-725-9233), or Wayne Eggleston [heritage@marinemonument.com](mailto:heritage@marinemonument.com) (949-498-4958), no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>. Sponsored by Camp Pendleton Historic Society. Visit our web site at [www.camppendletonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.camppendletonhistoricalsociety.org)

**OCTOBER 12 - HERITAGE DAY** at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. Noon to 4 p.m. Celebrate Heritage Day at the park with demonstrations and recreations of activities and crafts typical of the 19th century and fiddler music. The park is northeast of Redding, six miles north of Highway 299 on Highway 89 near Burney.

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**OCTOBER 11, 12, & 13 – COLOMA GOLD RUSH LIVE** at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The historic Gold Rush tent town of Coloma comes to life for three days. Enjoy living history, demonstrations, carriage rides, and gold panning. Take a ride on a carriage. Watch miners at work. See an original Concord stagecoach on exhibit in the museum. The park is located in Coloma on Highway 49 between Placerville and Auburn. Sponsored by the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park and the Gold Discovery Park Association.

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**OCTOBER 19 - STAGECOACH DAY** at Los Encinos State Historic Park. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rancho El Encino's natural spring helped to support the Butterfield Overland Mail as a station stop. Take a tour of the museum buildings and enjoy living history in the park. Follow the 101 Ventura Freeway to the Balboa off ramp. Turn south on Balboa to Moorpark (one block before Ventura Blvd.). Turn left onto Moorpark and park on the street. Enter through the gate. Sponsored by Los Encinos State Historic Park and the Los Encinos Docent Association.

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**OCTOBER 28 – CALIFORNIA STAGE DRIVERS** – 7 p.m. Gary Kurutz, Director of California State Library's Special Collections, author and editor of *Knights of the Lash*, will offer a special lecture on California's noted stage drivers. Sponsored by the Sacramento County Historical Society at the Wells Fargo Bank & History Museum, 400 Capitol Mall, Sacramento.

For more information: (916) 443-6265  
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### **VENTURE OUT TO SEE ORIGINAL STAGES ON EXHIBIT:**

**GLIMPSE THE HISTORIC STAGES** that traveled the dusty roads of California and made history. Find them at these museums and California State Parks:

- **Banning Residence Museum**, 401 East Main Street, Wilmington, Calif. (310) 548-7777

- **El Dorado County Museum**, 104 Placerville Drive, Placerville (530) 621-5865
- **Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park** at the Gold Discovery Museum in Coloma on Highway 49 between Placerville and Auburn (530) 295-2173
- **Mendocino County Museum**, 400 E. Commercial Street, Mendocino (707) 459-2736
- **Old Sacramento State Historic Park** in the B.F. Hastings Building at 2<sup>nd</sup> & J Streets, Old Sacramento (916) 445-7387; see also the **Wells Fargo History Museum** next door
- **Old Town San Diego State Historic Park** in the Seeley Stable Museum and the Wells Fargo Museum in the Colorado House, San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street, San Diego (619) 688-3398
- **Pioneer Yosemite History Center**, Yosemite National Park, Mariposa (209) 372-0200
- **Museum of San Diego History**, Casa de Balboa Building, Balboa Park, 1649 El Prado, Suite #3, San Diego (619) 232- 6203
- **Paso Robles Pioneer Museum**, 2010 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles (805) 239-4556
- **Santa Ynez Historical Society Museum & Carriage House**, 3596 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez (805) 688-7889
- **The Sharpsteen Museum**, 1311 Washington Street, Calistoga (707) 942 5911
- **Shasta State Historic Park** on Highway 299, 3 miles west of Redding (530) 225-2065
- **South Yuba River State Historic Park**, 17660 Pleasant Valley Road Penn Valley (530) 432-2546
- **Wells Fargo History Museum**, 333 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles (213) 253-7166



- **Wells Fargo History Museum**, 400 Capitol Mall, Sacramento  
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